

City of Southfield  
Michigan

# Municipal Budget *Executive Summary*

2025 • 2026



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# Introductory Section



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# City of Southfield

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May 5, 2025

Honorable City Council  
City of Southfield  
Municipal Building  
26000 Evergreen Road  
Southfield, Michigan

RE: Recommended Budget for 2025-26 Fiscal Year

Dear Sirs & Mesdames:

Presented herewith, pursuant to Chapter VIII, Subsection 8.2 of the Charter of the City of Southfield, is the City Administrator's recommended municipal budget as reviewed and approved by the Mayor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. The proposed budget provides continuity of high-level services to our residents and other stakeholders while maintaining structural balance and long-term sustainability.

## General Fund Overview

The proposed budget is based on projected revenues complemented by a judicious draw on existing fund balance for one-time capital expenditures. Total General Fund revenue of \$106,438,508 relies heavily on property taxes which comprise \$63,443,107 or 60% of total revenue. The City's tax base is just over \$3.2 billion, which remains approximately \$0.5 billion below 2009 levels. Revenue sharing and Local Community Stabilization funds expected to be received from the State of Michigan comprise \$11,521,043 or 11% of total revenue. Although \$8,379,696 of shared revenue is constitutionally guaranteed, the remaining \$3,141,347 is vulnerable to Michigan legislative action should they be forced to make cuts in response to any potential reduction in federal funding. Fees, licenses, permits and other charges for services are budgeted to bring in \$9,745,508 or 9% of total revenue. The draw on fund balance totals \$5,578,281 or 5% of total revenue and is comprised of a \$750,000 use of Metro Act funds in the restricted fund balance and a \$4,828,281 use of unrestricted fund balance.

Total General Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$106,438,508 driven by personnel costs of \$78,422,142 or 74% of total expenditures. Police and Fire services continue to be a significant portion of General Fund expenditures at \$62,302,931 or 59% of total expenditures.

**Mayor**  
Dr. Kenson J. Siver

**Council President**  
Michael "Ari" Mandelbaum

**City Clerk**  
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**City Council**  
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## All Funds Overview

Total revenues and expenditures across funds, after eliminating interfund transactions, increased by \$23.4 million or 11.2% to \$233,386,227. This change is primarily related to capital projects. The fiscal 2025-26 budget includes the following significant capital projects:

- ▶ Local Street Fund road construction projects total \$5.75 million and include:
  - > Section 25 - Southampton neighborhood \$3.1 million
  - > Section 34 - Plum Hollow neighborhood \$2.65 million
- ▶ Major Street Fund road construction projects total \$11.1 million and include:
  - > City-wide rehabilitation as necessary \$5.0 million
  - > Mt. Vernon – Northwestern to Southfield \$4.2 million
  - > Mt. Vernon traffic signal at Mapleridge \$500 thousand
  - > Greenfield – Lincoln to 12 Mile \$400 thousand
  - > 13 mile resurfacing \$292 thousand
  - > Greenfield – 12 Mile to 13 mile \$280 thousand
  - > Greenfield Hawk signal \$180 thousand
  - > 13 Mile traffic signals \$150 thousand
  - > 9 Mile traffic signals \$127 thousand
- ▶ Parks & Recreation Fund significant capital projects include:
  - > Evergreen Hills Golf Course cart paths \$490 thousand
  - > Civic Center Park restrooms \$400 thousand
  - > Senior Center in the Pavilion \$500 thousand
  - > Civic Center Park racquetball courts \$500 thousand
  - > Pavilion & Marcotte room improvements \$265 thousand
  - > Pebble Creek shelter & restroom \$250 thousand
  - > Beech Woods Rec Center backboard motors & patio \$165 thousand
- ▶ Library significant projects include:
  - > HVAC upgrades and repairs \$4.8 million
  - > Electrical repairs and upgrades \$100 thousand
- ▶ Water & Sewer Fund significant capital projects include:
  - > Section 11 – lining project \$7.0 million
  - > City-wide repairs in conjunction with road projects \$5.0 million
  - > Sewer Improvements \$3.0 million
  - > Section 34 – Plum Hollow neighborhood \$2.4 million
  - > Section 25 – Southampton neighborhood \$2.3 million
  - > Mt. Vernon – Northwestern to Southfield \$1.1 million
  - > Hooper Blvd \$850 thousand
  - > Upgrade lift stations \$750 thousand

Several City funds rely heavily, if not exclusively, on federal grants including Community Development Block Grant, Section 8 Housing, and Michigan Works funds. The proposed budgets for these funds, totaling \$5.1 million, are at risk due to potential federal executive action which would limit the ability of these programs to operate should funding be reduced or eliminated.



Property taxes are expected to generate just over \$86 million for the City to fund operations. In addition to Proposal A, the City had a Headlee rollback for fiscal year 2023 which permanently reduced the maximum allowable millage levy. Despite these challenges and significant loss of revenue to the City, Southfield continues to provide outstanding services to our residents and stakeholders and remains committed to keeping the City a vibrant, thriving community as we move into the future. The proposed 2025-2026 budget for all City funds anticipates balanced revenues and expenditures of \$233,579,714 to do so.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenson J. Siver, Ed. D.  
Mayor



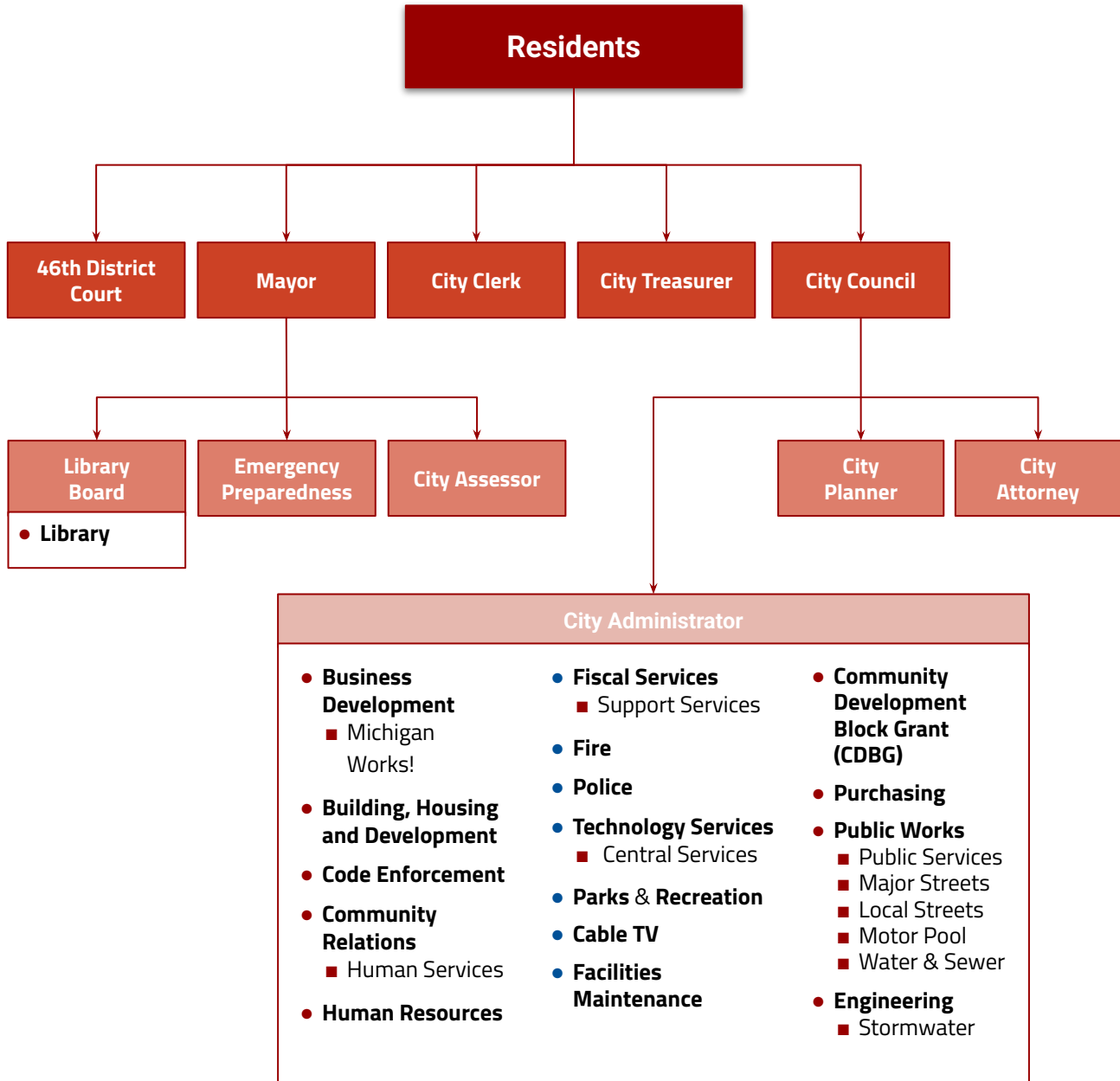
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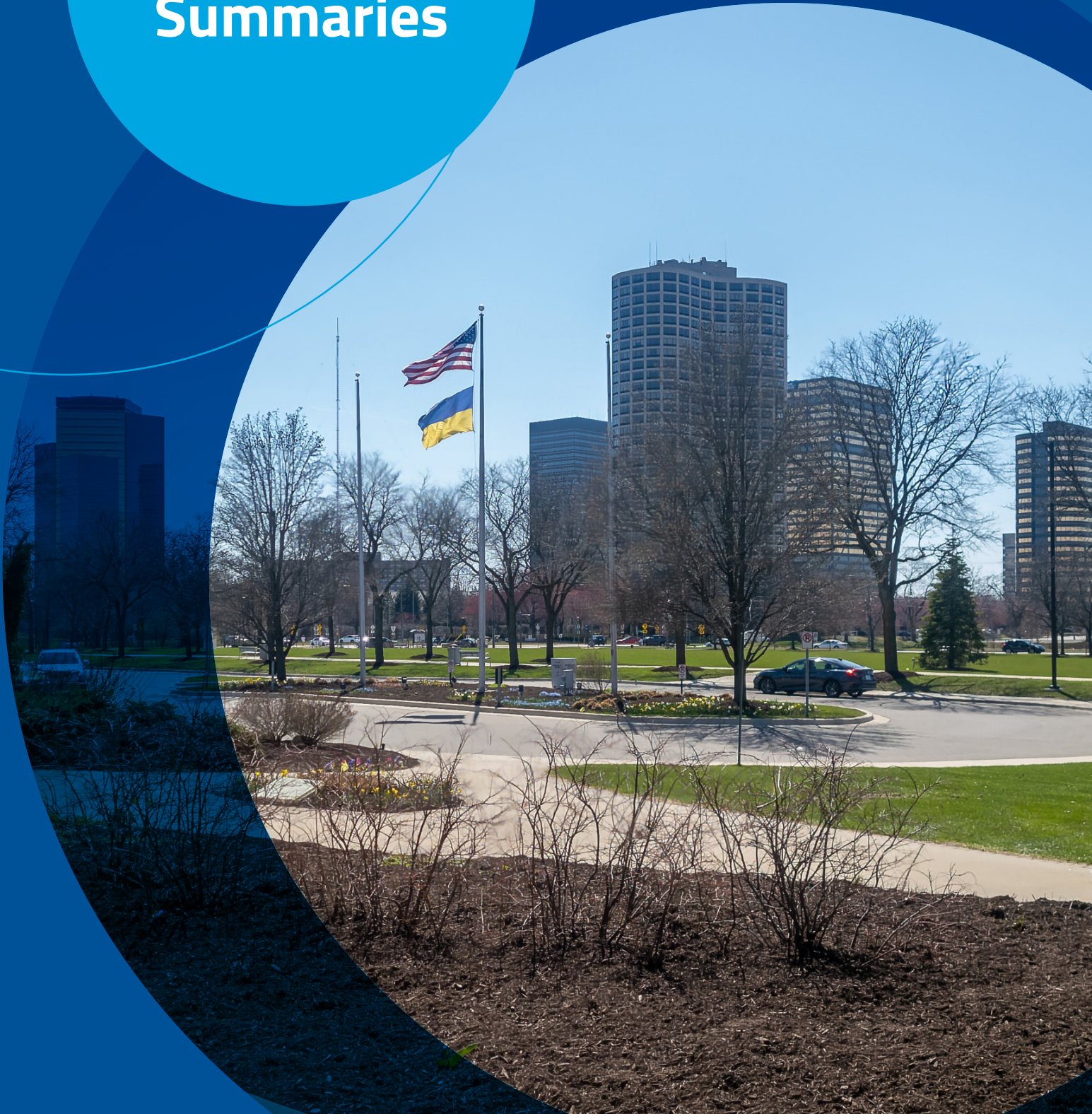


# City of Southfield Organization Chart





# Budget Summaries



# 2025-2026 Recommended Budget

	Recommended Revenues
<b>General Fund:</b>	
General Operating Levy	\$ 20,989,551
Police & Fire Levy	21,882,108
Police & Fire Pension Levy	17,614,169
Publicity Levy	49,837
Tax Administration Fees & Penalties	2,907,442
Sales Tax Returns - Constitutional	8,379,696
Sales Tax Returns - Statutory	1,416,347
Local Community Stabilization	1,725,000
Cable Franchise Fees	950,000
Sanitation Charges	4,482,712
Building Revenues	2,929,593
Engineering Revenues	1,645,116
District Court Revenues	2,442,472
Reimbursements and other	2,663,871
Fees, Licenses & Permits	4,373,443
Investment Income	2,000,000
Interfund Reimbursements	3,295,735
Use of Restricted Fund Balance:	
Right-of-way/Metro Authority	750,000
Committed	22,507,900
Use of Unrestricted Fund Balance	5,372,056
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 128,377,048</b>
Cable TV Fund	\$ 532,139
Donations, Mem. Trusts & Sponsorships	100,000
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	194,750
Facilities Maintenance Fund	27,451,958
Library Fund	16,666,928
Local Streets Fund	10,533,383
Major Streets Fund	16,598,911
Motor Pool Fund	4,669,328
Parks & Recreation Fund	9,782,347
Water & Sewer Fund	65,654,917
<b>Total Outside Funds</b>	<b>\$ 152,184,661</b>
Auto Theft Prevention	\$ 225,140
Comm. Development Block Grant	447,949
Michigan Indigent Defense Grant	1,261,628 *
Michigan Works Grants	2,289,418 *
<b>Total Grant Funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,224,135</b>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 284,785,844</b>
<b>(Duplicating Transfers)</b>	<b>\$ (33,118,602)</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 251,667,242</b>

\* Preliminary Estimates Pending Awards

	Recommended Expenditures
<b>General Fund:</b>	
Administration	\$ 925,798
Assessing	1,443,127
Building	3,347,391
Business Development	783,911
Central Services	1,038,366
City Attorney	1,339,014
Clerk	1,537,785
Code Enforcement	1,709,998
Community Relations	946,294
Council	237,360
Court - 46th District	4,549,072
Emergency Preparedness	199,147
Engineering	2,088,913
Fire	27,620,338
Fiscal Services	3,087,661
Human Resources	2,422,947
Mayor's Office	133,741
Planning	2,982,976
Police	35,107,450
Purchasing	379,796
Sanitation	4,482,712
Road Maintenance & Administration	1,058,782
Support Services	26,359,805
Technology Services	2,714,214
Traffic Services	769,183
Treasurer	1,111,267
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<b>General Fund:</b>	
General Operating Levy	\$ 20,565,948
Police & Fire Levy	21,440,491
Police & Fire Pension Levy	16,644,364
Publicity Levy	49,776
Tax Administration Fees & Penalties	2,837,197
Sales Tax Returns - Constitutional	8,433,612
Sales Tax Returns - Statutory	1,276,760
Local Community Stabilization	1,700,000
Cable Franchise Fees	1,008,000
Sanitation Charges	4,321,188
Building Revenues	2,929,593
Engineering Revenues	1,655,521
District Court Revenues	2,437,372
Reimbursements and other	1,872,451
Fees, Licenses & Permits	3,961,420
Investment Income	1,000,000
Interfund Reimbursements	1,923,469
Use of Restricted Fund Balance:	
Right-of-way/Metro Authority	650,000
Use of Unrestricted Fund Balance	5,937,547
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 100,644,709</b>
Cable TV Fund	\$ 540,199
Donations, Mem. Trusts & Sponsorships	100,000
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	9,800
Facilities Maintenance Fund	5,090,139
Library Fund	14,362,627
Local Streets Fund	11,871,485
Major Streets Fund	12,569,527
Motor Pool Fund	4,288,479
Parks & Recreation Fund	9,501,648
Water & Sewer Fund	54,191,243
<b>Total Outside Funds</b>	<b>\$ 112,525,147</b>
Auto Theft Prevention	\$ 197,170
Comm. Development Block Grant	447,949
Michigan Indigent Defense Grant	1,261,628 *
Michigan Works Grants	2,250,000 *
Section 8 Housing Grants	2,159,661 *
<b>Total Grant Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,316,408</b>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 219,486,264</b>
<b>(Duplicating Transfers)</b>	<b>\$ (9,535,925)</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 209,950,339</b>

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<b>General Fund:</b>	
Administration	\$ 812,497
Assessing	1,333,088
Building	2,776,527
Business Development	471,900
Central Services	1,079,628
City Attorney	1,204,248
Clerk	1,485,190
Code Enforcement	1,603,067
Community Relations	934,300
Council	232,333
Court - 46th District	4,250,622
Emergency Preparedness	155,648
Engineering	2,082,904
Fire	26,266,010
Fiscal Services	2,883,246
Human Resources	2,399,450
Mayor's Office	130,232
Planning	2,670,980
Police	34,096,370
Purchasing	365,061
Sanitation	4,321,188
Road Maintenance & Administration	474,759
Support Services	3,965,279
Technology Services	2,904,718
Traffic Services	704,985
Treasurer	1,040,479
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## Recommended Budget Highlights

The fundamental message of this budget continues to be sustainability and responsible budgeting to maintain structural balance and live within our means. The proposed budget is based on projected revenues complemented by a draw on existing fund balance for capital projects including restricted (Metro Act), committed and unrestricted amounts.

Despite the slow recovery from the Great Recession and the unique pressures brought on by the pandemic, the City continues to be resilient in the face of challenges and the Southfield community continues to thrive and grow. The proposed budget provides continuity of high-level services to our residents and other stakeholders while maintaining structural balance and long-term sustainability.

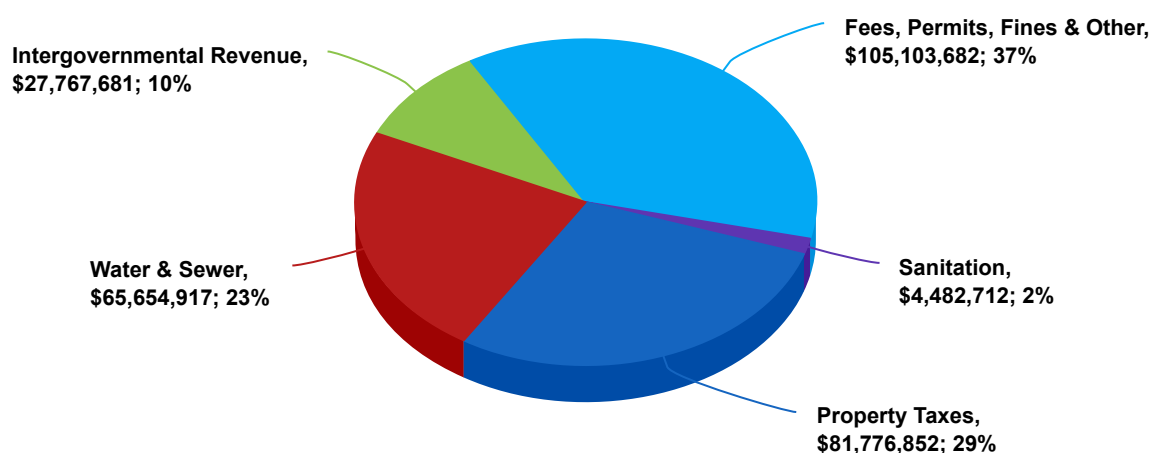
### Budget Assumptions

- ▶ Continued but modest growth in taxable property values are limited by State statute
- ▶ State shared revenues are based on State of Michigan projections
- ▶ Building revenue projections are based on Council approved fee schedule
- ▶ District Court revenues and expenses continue to decline with reduced caseload
- ▶ Contributions to the City's pension plans are budgeted at the actuarially determined amounts
- ▶ Contributions for retiree healthcare continue to be limited to the "pay as you go" basis of funding
- ▶ Budgeted staffing vacancies will be filled as necessary

### Revenue Snapshot

- ▶ Property taxes represent 49% of General Fund revenues and 36% of all funds revenue. Projected taxable value is \$3,215,261,900 which represents an increase of approximately \$58 million or 1.8% over the 2024-25 projection
- ▶ The millage rate increased by 0.0941 mills comprised of 0.1950 increase in the Police & Fire Pension rate offset by a decrease of 0.0003 to the Public Act 59 rate, a decrease of 0.0006 for Drains at Large. and a 0.10 decrease in the UTGO Road Bond rate. The resultant levy is 26.8115 mills.
- ▶ State shared revenues increased by approximately 2% compared to the prior budget year. Constitutional and statutory revenue payments from the State of Michigan are projected at \$8,379,696 and \$1,416,347, respectively and represent 9% of the General Fund revenues
- ▶ Combined General fund revenues are proposed at approximately \$128.4 million, a 27.6% increase over 2024-25 primarily attributed to the large use of fund balance to fund a new pool facility
- ▶ Total revenues of all funds are proposed at approximately \$284.8 million, a 29.8% increase from 2024-2025

### All Funds Revenue



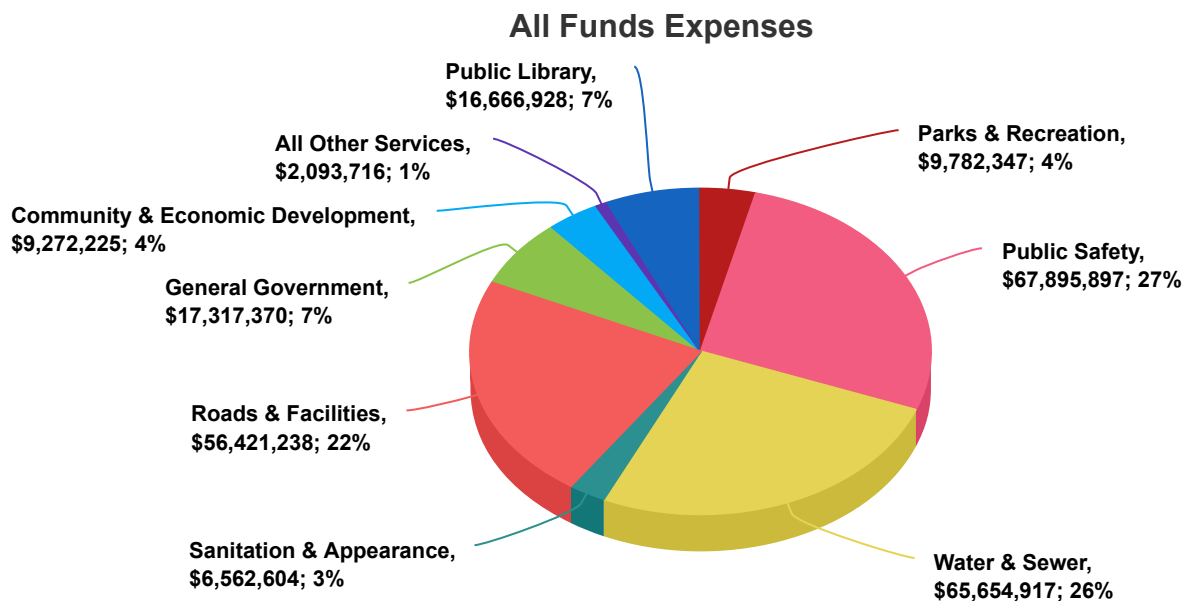


## Recommended Budget Highlights (cont.)

Total Revenues = \$284,785,844

### Expenditure Snapshot

- ▶ At \$62.7 million, Police and Fire services continue to be the largest General Fund expenditure, making up approximately 49% of all General Fund expenditures, an increase of \$2.4 million over the prior year
- ▶ The proposed budget includes approximately \$17.3 million for general government expenditures. These costs comprise approximately 13% of the General Fund expenditures and include Administration, elected officials, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Treasurer, Assessing, Fiscal Services, Technology Services, Human Resources, and Community Relations
- ▶ Combined General Fund expenditures are proposed at approximately \$128.4 million, a 27.6% increase from 2024-25
- ▶ Total expenditures of all funds are proposed at approximately \$284.8 million, a 29.8% increase from 2024-25



Total Expenditures = \$251,667,242

- ▶ Proposed infrastructure Investments total approximately \$39.1 million based on available funding. The below table presents a comparison of proposed and current year projects. Additionally, the Facilities Maintenance Fund budget includes approximately \$22.5 million for a municipal pool facility.

### Comparison of Proposed and current year projects

Department	2024-2025		2025-2026	
	# of Projects	Total Investment	# of Projects	Total Investment
Local Streets	5	\$ 8,250,000	2	\$ 5,750,000
Major Streets	11	7,964,215	11	11,088,800
Water & Sewer	5	18,105,000	5	22,305,650
	<b>21</b>	<b>\$ 34,319,215</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$ 39,144,450</b>

# Recommended Budget Highlights (cont.)

## Comparison of budgeted career employees

Budget Year	Employee Count (Career only)	Change Over Prior Year
2023-2024	606	+11
2024-2025	627	+21
2025-2026	652	+25

### Summary Statement

Property taxes are expected to generate just over \$88 million for the City to fund operations. In addition to Proposal A, the City had a Headlee rollback for fiscal year 2023 which permanently reduced the maximum allowable millage levy. Despite these challenges and significant loss of revenue to the City, Southfield continues to provide outstanding services to our residents and stakeholders and remains committed to keeping the City a vibrant, thriving community as we move into the future. The proposed 2025-2026 budget for all City funds anticipates balanced revenues and expenditures of \$251,667,242 to do so.



## Budget Comparison - All Funds

Fund	24-25 Approved Budget	25-26 Recomm. Budget	% Change
General Fund	\$ 100,644,709	\$ 128,377,048	27.55%
Cable TV Fund	540,199	532,139	(1.49%)
Donations, Mem.Trusts and Sponsorships	100,000	100,000	-%
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	9,800	194,750	1887.24%
Facilities Maintenance Fund	5,090,139	27,451,958	439.32%
Library Fund	14,362,627	16,666,928	16.04%
Local Street Fund	11,871,485	10,533,383	(11.27%)
Major Street Fund	12,569,527	16,598,911	32.06%
Motor Pool Fund	4,288,479	4,669,328	8.88%
Parks and Recreation Fund	9,501,648	9,782,347	2.95%
Water and Sewer Fund	54,191,243	65,654,917	21.15%
Auto Theft Grant	197,170	225,140	14.19%
Community Development Block Grant	447,949	447,949	-%
Michigan Indigent Defense Grant	1,261,628	1,261,628	-%
Michigan Works Grants	2,250,000	2,289,418	1.75%
Section 8 Housing Grants	2,159,661	-	(100.00%)
<b>Total Operating funds</b>	<b>219,486,264</b>	<b>284,785,844</b>	<b>29.8%</b>
(Less Duplicating Transfers)	(9,535,925)	(33,118,602)	247.3%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 209,950,339</b>	<b>\$ 251,667,242</b>	<b>19.9%</b>

# Infrastructure Capital Projects

## Local Streets

Southampton neighborhood - Section 25	\$	3,100,000
Plum Hollow neighborhood- Section 34		2,650,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,750,000</b>

## Major Streets

Greenfield -12 Mile to 13 Mile	\$	280,000
Greenfield HAWK Signals		180,000
Greenfield - Lincoln to 12 Mile		400,000
Mt. Vernon traffic signal at Mapleridge		500,000
Mt. Vernon - Northwestern to Southfield		4,159,350
Nine Mile Road traffic signals		127,450
13 Mile Road resurfacing		292,000
13 Mile Road traffic signals		150,000
City-wide Major Streets		5,000,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,088,800</b>

## Water & Sewer

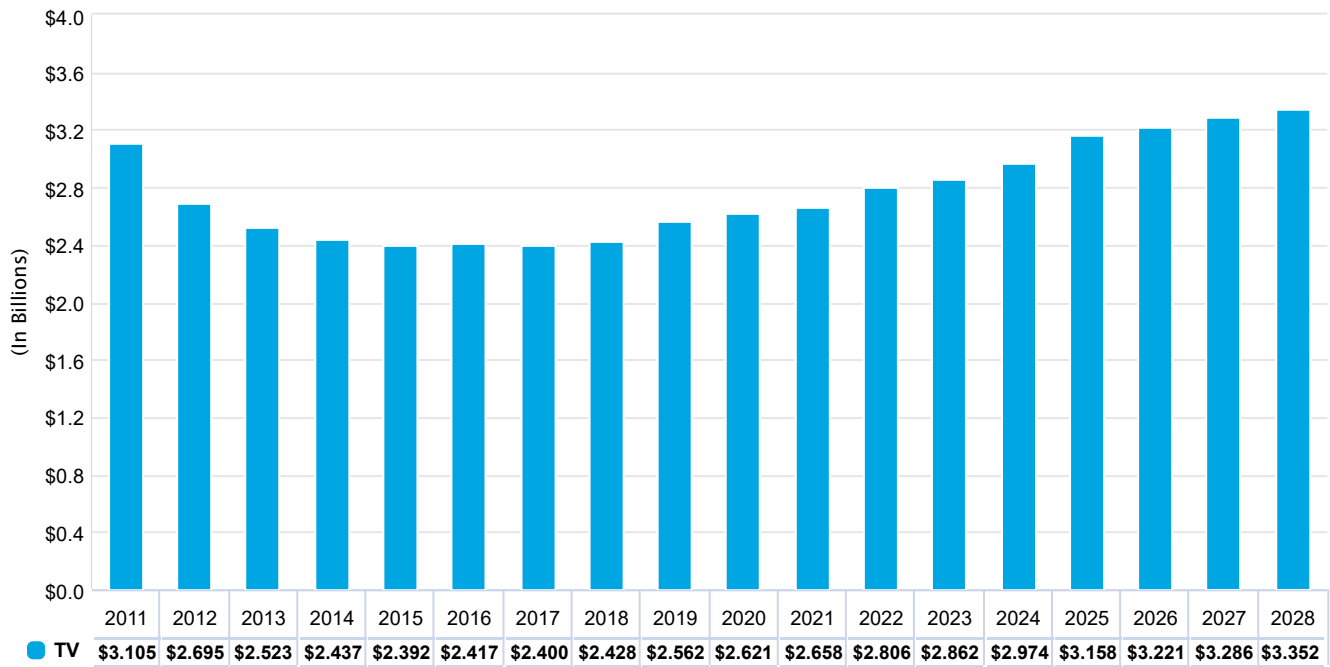
Mt. Vernon - Northwestern to Southfield	\$	1,105,650
Southampton neighborhood - Section 25		2,250,000
Plum Hollow neighborhood - Section 34		2,350,000
Upgrade Lift Stations		750,000
Sewer Improvements		3,000,000
Hooper		850,000
Lining project in Section 11		7,000,000
City-wide repairs		5,000,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,305,650</b>

<b>Infrastructure Capital Projects Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,144,450</b>
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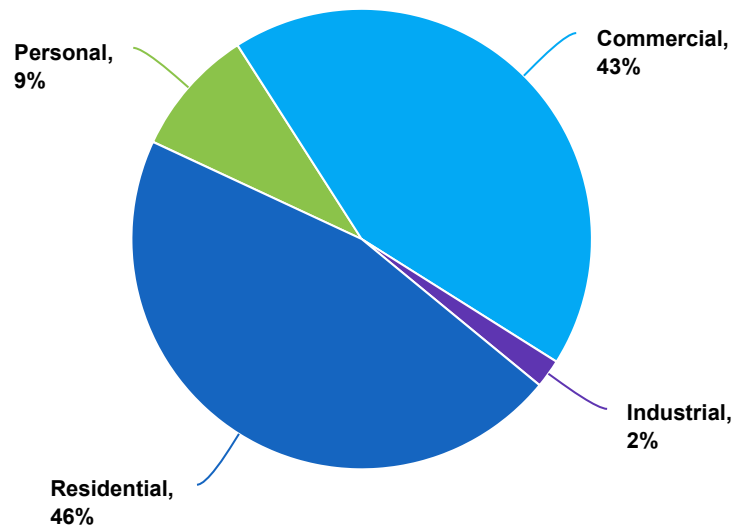


# Taxable Property Values 2011-2028

**\*2% growth projected  
beginning in 2027**



## Composition of Taxable Value



## Tax Rate Comparative

	2024-25	2025-26	Increase / (Decrease)
<b>Operating:</b>			
General Operations	6.5281	6.5281	-
Public Safety	6.8057	6.8057	-
Police & Fire Pension	5.2833	5.4783	0.1950
Residential Street Maintenance	0.9876	0.9876	-
Parks & Recreation	1.7283	1.7283	-
Library	2.7655	2.7655	-
Public Act 298	0.2207	0.2207	-
Public Act 59	0.0158	0.0155	(0.0003)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>24.3350</b>	<b>24.5297</b>	<b>0.1947</b>
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
County Drains At Large	0.0324	0.0318	(0.0006)
UTGO Road Bond	2.3500	2.2500	(0.1000)
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>26.7174</b>	<b>26.8115</b>	<b>0.0941</b>
<b>Tax Levy</b>	<b>Total Mills</b>		<b>Revenue</b>
Operations	24.5297		\$ 78,869,410
Non-operating	2.2818		\$ 7,336,585
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26.8115</b>		<b>\$ 86,205,994</b>

## 2025-2026 Recommended Budget Tax Revenues and Rates

	Revenue	Rate*
General Operations	20,989,551	6.5281
Police & Fire	21,882,108	6.8057
Police & Fire Pension	17,614,169	5.4783
Residential Street Maintenance	3,175,393	0.9876
Parks & Recreation	5,556,937	1.7283
Library	8,891,807	2.7655
Public Act 298	709,608	0.2207
Public Act 59	49,837	0.0155
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>78,869,410</b>	<b>24.5297</b>
County Drains at Large	102,245	0.0318
UTGO Road Bond	7,234,339	2.2500
Smart Zone	288,123	**
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	1,765,731	**
	<b>88,259,848</b>	<b>26.8115</b>
Taxable Valuation (TV)	3,215,261,900	
Less:		
Captured by DDA/TIF	7,014,627	
Captured by Smart Zone	10,746,249	
Captured by Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	65,857,236	
Captured by Renaissance Zone (Tool & Die)		
<b>Total Taxable Value excluding Capture Districts</b>	<b>3,131,643,788</b>	

\*Mills per \$1,000 of TV

\*\*Total millage of 24.5615 (total reduced by UTGO road bond millage) applied to taxable value of LDFA and other special authorities.



## Tax Revenue Factors

25-26 Tax Base for City Operations	\$ 3,215,261,900
24-25 Tax Base for City Operations	\$ 3,157,576,313
A difference of:	\$ 57,685,587 or 1.8%

## Change in Tax Revenues for City Operations

	24-25	25-26	\$ / % Difference	
General Fund:				
General Operating	\$ 20,565,948	\$ 20,989,551	423,603 /	2.1%
Police & Fire	21,440,491	21,882,108	441,617 /	2.1%
Police & Fire Pension	16,644,364	17,614,169	969,805 /	5.8%
Publicity (PA59)*	49,776	49,837	61 /	0.1%
<b>Total General Fund Operating</b>	<b>58,700,579</b>	<b>60,535,665</b>	<b>1,835,086 /</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Roadside Appearance (PA298)	695,287	709,608	14,321 /	2.1%
Residential Streets	3,111,308	3,175,393	64,085 /	2.1%
Parks & Recreation	5,444,789	5,556,937	112,148 /	2.1%
Library	8,712,356	8,891,807	179,451 /	2.1%
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>76,664,319</b>	<b>78,869,410</b>	<b>2,205,091 /</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

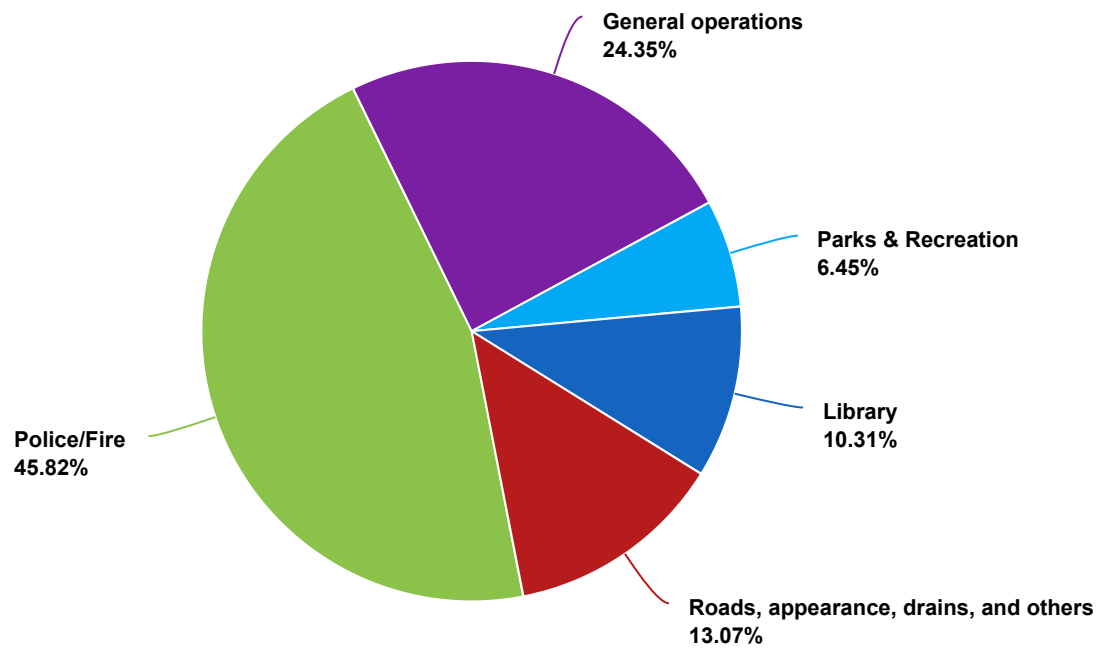
\*PA 59 was first levied in 2012-13. It allows for up to \$50,000 annually for business attraction programs.

## Services Provided for Property Tax Dollars

Figures are based on a Southfield home with a market value of \$300,000 and a taxable value of \$150,000

City Services Provided:	Millage Rate	Annual Property Taxes
Police/Fire	12.2840	\$ 1,843
General operations	6.5281	979
Parks & Recreation	1.7283	259
Library	2.7655	415
Roads, appearance, drains, and others	3.5056	526
<b>Total City services</b>	<b>26.8115</b>	<b>\$ 4,022</b>

### Property Tax Dollars Distribution



## Millage History

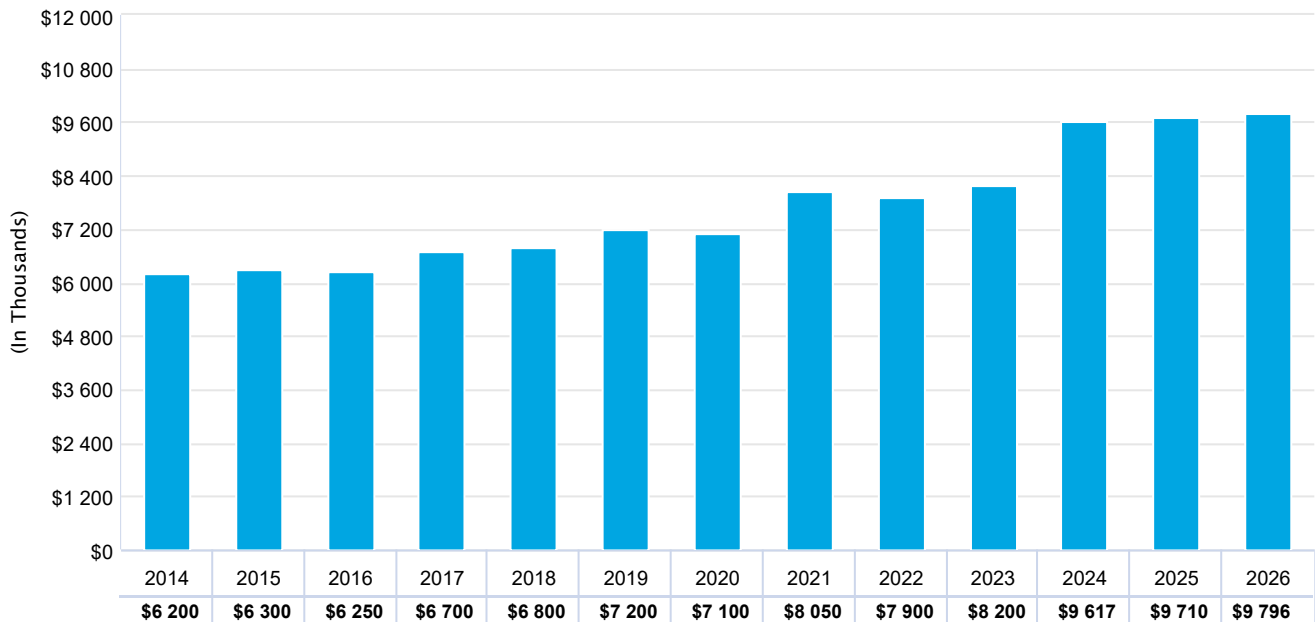
Operating	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12*	12-11	13-14	14-15
General Operations	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094
Public Safety	2.8325	2.8325	2.8325	2.8325	2.8325	2.8325	2.8325	6.8906	6.8906	6.8906	6.8906
Police / Fire Pension	1.6017	1.7096	1.6772	1.7672	1.6889	1.7000	1.8788	3.0004	3.9424	4.7197	4.4500
Res. Street Maint.	0.9440	0.9440	0.9440	0.9440	0.9440	0.9440	0.9440	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
R-O-W Appearance	0.4227	0.4227	0.3361	0.2539	0.3322	0.3370	0.1582	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207
Parks & Recreation	1.6524	1.6524	1.6524	1.6524	1.6524	1.6524	1.6524	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500
Library	2.0934	2.0934	2.0934	2.0934	2.0934	2.0934	2.0934	2.8000	2.8000	2.8000	2.8000
Public Act 59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0214	0.0234	0.0234
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>16.1561</b>	<b>16.2640</b>	<b>16.1450</b>	<b>16.1528</b>	<b>16.1528</b>	<b>16.1687</b>	<b>16.1687</b>	<b>22.2711</b>	<b>23.2345</b>	<b>24.0138</b>	<b>23.7441</b>
Debt Service	0.0277	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drains-at-Large	0.1590	0.0788	0.1978	0.1900	0.1900	0.1741	0.1741	0.3591	0.4873	0.4873	0.4873
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.3428</b>	<b>16.3428</b>	<b>16.3428</b>	<b>16.3428</b>	<b>16.3428</b>	<b>16.3428</b>	<b>16.3428</b>	<b>22.6302</b>	<b>23.7218</b>	<b>24.5011</b>	<b>24.2314</b>

Operating	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
General Operations	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.6094	6.5281	6.5281	6.5281	6.5281
Public Safety	6.8906	6.8906	6.8906	6.8906	6.8906	6.8906	6.8906	6.8057	6.8057	6.8057	6.8057
Police / Fire Pension	4.3971	4.3714	4.5249	5.0552	5.7423	5.7075	6.0227	5.5054	5.7102	5.2833	5.4783
Res. Street Maint.	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9876	0.9876	0.9876	0.9876
R-O-W Appearance	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207	0.2207
Parks & Recreation	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7283	1.7283	1.7283	1.7283
Library	2.8000	2.8000	2.8000	2.8000	2.8000	2.8000	2.8000	2.7655	2.7655	2.7655	2.7655
Public Act 59	0.0234	0.0212	0.0208	0.0203	0.0195	0.0191	0.0188	0.0178	0.0168	0.0158	0.0155
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>23.6912</b>	<b>23.6633</b>	<b>23.8164</b>	<b>24.3462</b>	<b>25.0325</b>	<b>24.9973</b>	<b>25.3122</b>	<b>24.5591</b>	<b>24.7629</b>	<b>24.3350</b>	<b>24.5297</b>
UTGO Road Bond	2.5800	2.5800	2.5800	2.5800	2.5800	2.5800	2.6000	2.6000	2.5800	2.3500	2.2500
Drains-at-Large	0.4873	0.1467	0.0267	0.1467	0.2150	0.2150	0.2150	0.2150	0.2150	0.0324	0.0318
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.7585</b>	<b>26.3900</b>	<b>26.4231</b>	<b>27.0729</b>	<b>27.8275</b>	<b>27.7923</b>	<b>28.1272</b>	<b>27.3741</b>	<b>27.5579</b>	<b>26.7174</b>	<b>26.8115</b>

\*Millage Election 5/3/11 approving 4.9183 additional mills

## State Shared Revenue

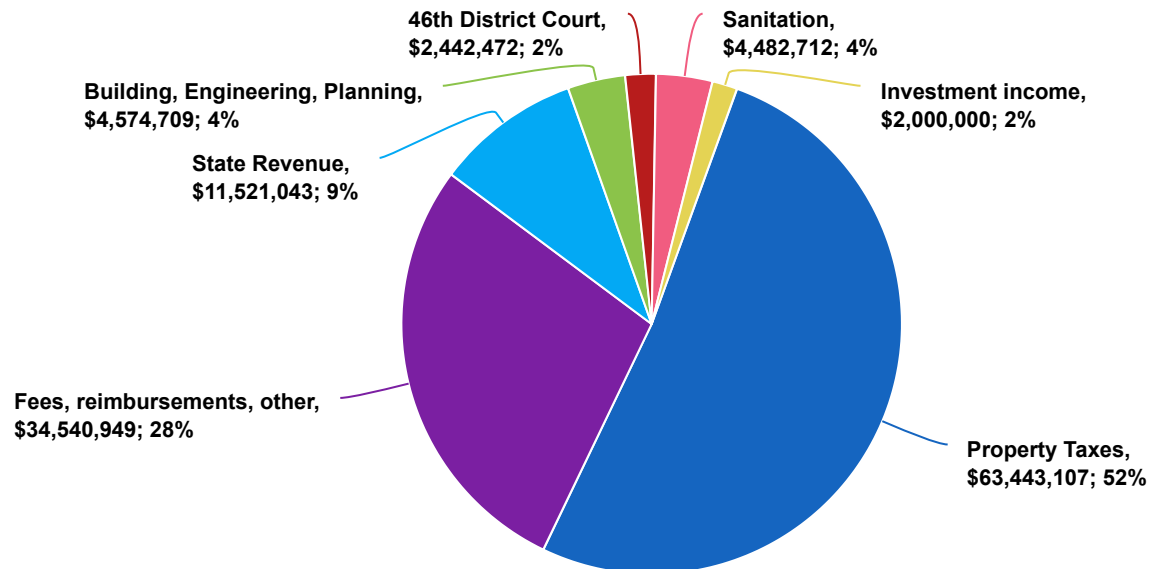




## Budget Comparison - General Fund Revenues

	24-25 Approved Budget	25-26 Recomm. Budget	% Change
General Operating Levy	\$ 20,565,948	\$ 20,989,551	2.1%
Police & Fire Levy	21,440,491	21,882,108	2.1%
Police & Fire Pension Levy	16,644,364	17,614,169	5.8%
Publicity Levy	49,776	49,837	0.1%
Tax Administration Fees & Penalties	2,837,197	2,907,442	2.5%
Sales Tax Returns - Constitutional	8,433,612	8,379,696	(0.6%)
Sales Tax Returns - Statutory	1,276,760	1,416,347	10.9%
Local Community Stabilization	1,700,000	1,725,000	1.5%
Cable Franchise Fees	1,008,000	950,000	(5.8%)
Sanitation Charges	4,321,188	4,482,712	3.7%
Building Department Revenues	2,929,593	2,929,593	-%
Engineering Revenues	1,655,521	1,645,116	(0.6%)
District Court Revenues	2,437,372	2,442,472	0.2%
Reimbursements	1,872,451	2,663,871	42.3%
Fees, Licenses, and Permits	3,961,420	4,373,443	10.4%
Investment Income	1,000,000	2,000,000	100.0%
Interfund Reimbursements	1,923,469	3,295,735	71.3%
Total Revenues Exclusive of Fund Balance	94,057,162	99,747,092	
Use of Restricted Fund Balance:			
Committed	-	22,507,900	
Right-of-way/Metro Authority:	650,000	750,000	
Use of Unrestricted Fund Balance	5,937,547	5,372,056	
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 100,644,709</b>	<b>\$ 128,377,048</b>	<b>27.6%</b>

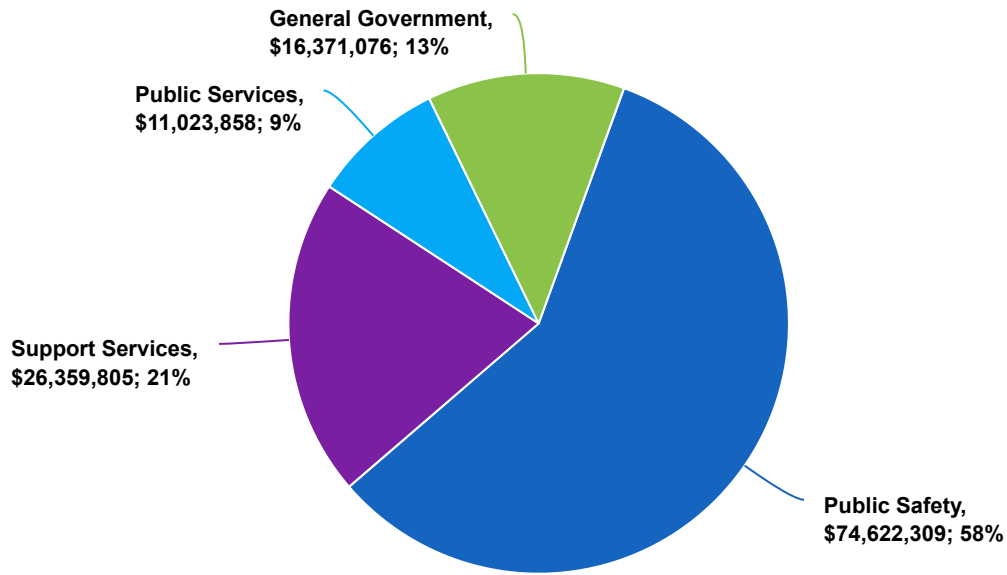
### General Fund Revenues 2025-2026



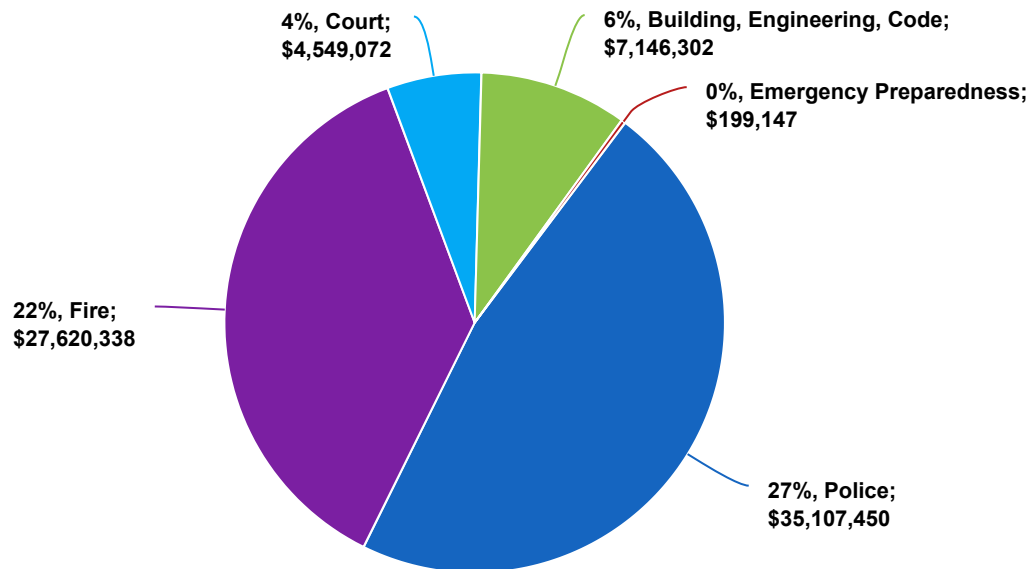
## Budget Comparison - General Fund Expenditures

	24-25 Approved Budget	25-26 Recomm. Budget	% Change
Administration	\$ 812,497	\$ 925,798	13.9%
Assessing	1,333,088	1,443,127	8.3%
Building	2,776,527	3,347,391	20.6%
Business Development	471,900	783,911	66.1%
Central Services	1,079,628	1,038,366	(3.8%)
City Attorney	1,204,248	1,339,014	11.2%
Clerk	1,485,190	1,537,785	3.5%
Code Enforcement	1,603,067	1,709,998	6.7%
Community Relations	934,300	946,294	1.3%
Council	232,333	237,360	2.2%
Court - 46th District	4,250,622	4,549,072	7.0%
Emergency Preparedness	155,648	199,147	27.9%
Engineering	2,082,904	2,088,913	0.3%
Fire	26,266,010	27,620,338	5.2%
Fiscal Services	2,883,246	3,087,661	7.1%
Human Resources	2,399,450	2,422,947	1.0%
Mayor's Office	130,232	133,741	2.7%
Planning	2,670,980	2,982,976	11.7%
Police	34,096,370	35,107,450	3.0%
Purchasing	365,061	379,796	-%
Sanitation	4,321,188	4,482,712	3.7%
Road Maintenance & Administration	474,759	1,058,782	123.0%
Support Services	3,965,279	26,359,805	564.8%
Technology Services	2,904,718	2,714,214	(6.6%)
Traffic Services	704,985	769,183	9.1%
Treasurer	1,040,479	1,111,267	6.8%
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 100,644,709</b>	<b>\$ 128,377,048</b>	<b>27.6%</b>

## General Fund Expenditures 2025-2026



## Public Safety Percent of General Fund Expenditures 2025-2026





## General Fund - Fund Balance Constraints

Fund balance classifications comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported. The various classifications reported in the General Fund are defined and detailed below.

**Non-spendable** fund balance includes inventory, prepaid expenditures, and land held for resale.

**Restricted** fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

**Committed** fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority (City Council).

**Assigned** fund balance is intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.

**Unassigned** fund balance is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

Fund Balance Classification	Amount
Non-spendable	\$ 1,641,343
Restricted for right-of-way (Metro Act)	1,662,724
Committed to specific programs:	
Dispatch improvements	\$ 1,273,567
Equalization reserve	2,000,000
Local improvement revolving - Northland	2,785,719
Building infrastructure reserve	20,000,000
Tax base initiatives reserve	2,000,000
<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>\$ 28,059,286</b>
Assigned:	
Encumbrances	\$ 3,330,221
Subsequent year's expenditures	
<b>Total Assigned</b>	<b>\$ 3,330,221</b>
<b>Unassigned</b>	<b>\$ 18,725,175</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance - June 30, 2024*</b>	<b>\$ 53,418,749</b>

\* 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report



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